ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below.

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 13, 2017:

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.45′ N. latitude, 131°18.90′ W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point to Point Davison Light then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restriction:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 13, 2017:

District 2: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73′ N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 7

Section 7-A: will be closed.

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 13, 2017:

District 10: will be open with the following restrictions:

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be closed within 3 nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline;

Frederick Sound: will be closed east of a line from Cape Fanshaw Light to Pinta Point.

District 11

The following area will be open to purse seining from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 13, 2017:

Section 11-A: will be open in the following area:

Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area (SHA): will be open in the waters of Favorite Channel within the boundaries of a line from a marker on the mainland shore south of Eagle Beach at 58°30.65′ N. latitude, 134°49.30′ W. longitude, running west to the northernmost tip of Gull Island at 58°30.35′ N. latitude, 134°52.14′ W. longitude, then running south to the southernmost tip of Bird Island at 58°29.32′ N. latitude, 134°51.01′ W. longitude, then running southeast to a point at 58°28.62′ N. latitude, 134°48.22′ W. longitude, then running northeast to a marker on the mainland shore north of Pearl Harbor at 58°28.78′ N. latitude, 134°47.26′ W. longitude, then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°28.99′ N. latitude, 134°47.41′ W. longitude, then north to a marker on the westernmost tip of Kishbrock Island at 58°29.47′ N. latitude, 134°47.78′ W. longitude, and then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°30.02′ N. latitude, 134°48.06′ W. longitude.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 13, 2017:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: will be open within 2 nautical miles from the Chichagof Island shoreline and north of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63′ N. latitude (located 1 nautical mile south of Point Augusta Light);

Tenakee Inlet: will be open west of a line from the easternmost tip of East Point to a point at 57°46.34′ N. latitude, 134°56.07′ W. longitude to South Passage Point and east of the longitude of Corner Bay Point.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 13, 2017:

Section 13-C: will be open east of McClellan Rock Light with the following restriction:

Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay: will be closed north of a line from Point Craven to Point Hayes.

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, July 13, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 14, 2017:

Section 13-A: will be open in the following area:

Lisianski Inlet: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Soapstone Point to the westernmost tip of Column Point with the following restrictions:

Lisianski Inlet: normal markers;

Lisianski Strait: will be closed south of 58°00.16′ N. latitude.

District 14

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 13, 2017:

Section 14-B: will be open south of the latitude of Crist Point;

Section 14-C: will be open within 2 nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline.

Amalga Harbor SHA update: Please note the coordinates for the northwest corner of the open area and the new coordinates for the south line extension. It is requested that boats do not anchor in the Amalga Harbor SHA prior to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday July 11. Anchoring in the active cost recovery area can interfere with DIPAC cost recovery operations. Cost recovery operations are progressing very well for the time.

King Salmon Landing Restrictions: For Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of THAs, king salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold. King salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. King salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All king salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All king salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Friday, July 14, 2017.

Copies of the "2017 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S3117.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 28

Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 11, 2017

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	400	600	35,000	6,000	42,000	16
District 2	0	1,000	2,200	5,500	60,000	68,700	40
District 7	0	250	25	30,000	31,000	61,275	22
Point Augusta/Whitestone	0	2,200	1,400	223,000	26,000	252,600	52
Tenakee Inlet	0	800	250	142,000	18,000	161,050	32
Hawk Inlet shoreline	0	2,500	750	137,000	20,700	160,950	61
Total	0	7,150	5,225	572,500	161,700	746,575	223

	FISH PER BOAT						
Area	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
			• 0	• 400			
District 1	0	25	38	2,188	375	2,625	
District 2	0	25	55	138	1,500	1,718	
District 7	0	11	1	1,364	1,409	2,785	
Point Augusta/Whitestone	0	42	27	4,288	500	4,858	
Tenakee Inlet	0	25	8	4,438	563	5,033	
Hawk Inlet shoreline	0	41	12	2,246	339	2,639	

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 40,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 6,300 king and 16,000 chum salmon. Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 600 king and 53,000 chum salmon.

No effort: District 10, Section 13-A, and Section 13-C.

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